

To FCC Commissioners:

Regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules, I wish to make my views known. I support to keep all of these very important restrictions in place. In a Democracy, it is absolutely vital that public information be free of any political monopolies. And in this modern day, public information is by and large delivered via mass media outlets.

If these rules are not kept in place, i fear that a select few people will have far too much influence over which information is made public and which is swept under the rug - in effect controlling the information which the public depends on to form their own opinion. This would have a catastrophic effect on Democracy, freedom of thought, and our way of life.

As an American Citizen, I support The Television-Radio Cross Ownership Rule, The Broadcast-Newspaper Cross Ownership Ban, The National Television Ownership rule, The Duopoly Rule for Radio, The Local Television Ownership Rule, and The Dual Network Rule.

In fact, I would even support stricter prohibitions than these, especially in the arena of broadcast radio. The proliferation of low wattage transmitters would open up a variety of programming which is currently unavailable in many markets. This would allow radio the liberty to focus on local events, music, and political discussion, things that could strengthen our culture and exchange of ideas, if only on a local level.

It is clear that the public interest would be best served in maintaining the existing limitations, and in expanding the limits against big business. Companies do not have a Constitutional Right to hold monopolies on expression, or to even make a profit. However, the Constitution was written with a constant debate of views by an intelligent, informed populace in mind.

Please act accordingly.

Thank You,
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